

# Carrick Sportsmen's Club News

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## November - December 2022

### November Meetings

Membership - Nov. 1 - 8 pm  
Directors - Nov. 15 - 7 pm  
Work Party - Nov. 19 - 9 am

### December Meetings

Membership - Dec. 6 - 8 pm  
Directors - Dec. 20 - 7 pm  
Work Party - No Work Party

### January Meetings

Membership - Jan. 3 - 8 pm  
Directors - Jan. 17 - 7 pm  
Work Party - Jan. 21 - 9 am

## *Proposed Revision to the Club By-Laws*

The Board of Directors is proposing and recommending a change to the By-Laws of the Club. The revision would change the number of directors on the Board of Directors from 15 to 12. Article 5, Section 3 of the By-Laws currently says that the Board of Directors have 15 individuals as Directors with 1/3 of the Directors (5) be elected every 3 years. The Board of Directors is recommending that the number of directors be lowered to 12 with 1/3 of the Board (4) being elected every 3 years.

The Board has deliberated this for several months and has come to the conclusion that having 12 directors instead of 15 will help the board operate more efficiently with no detrimental effect on the operation of the Club. In accordance with Article 12 of the By-Laws, Amendments, a revision to the By-Laws must be read 3 times at the membership meetings before it can be voted on, this amendment was read for the first time at the October 4, 2022, membership meeting. It will be read at the November and December membership meetings and will be voted on at the December meeting. If approved, the changes will be implemented in the January 2023 Board of Directors election. The proposed revision to the Club By-Laws is presented below.

### **Article 5 - Board of Directors**

#### **Section 1 - Composition**

The Board of Directors shall consist of 12 members, elected as provided in this Article from among the members of the Club who meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in Section 2 of this Article.

1.1 Alternates - The Board of Directors may have up to 3 alternate directors at any time. The number of alternates accepted shall be determined by a vote of the board. Eligibility for alternate director shall be as described in Article 5, Section 2, Eligibility for Board of Directors. Alternates may participate in all Board of Director meetings but shall have no voting rights as a Board Member.

#### **Section 2 - Eligibility for Board of Directors**

No member shall be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors unless they have been a member of the Club for at least one full year. This eligibility requirement may be waived upon request of the Nominating Committee, and upon approval of two-thirds of the membership present at the November or December meeting. Similarly, nominations made from the floor can ask that the eligibility requirement be waived upon request made by the mover of the nomination. The Membership Chair shall verify each nominee.

#### **Section 3 - Board Transition to 12 Directors**

Beginning with the elections at the Membership meeting of January 2023, 3 Directors shall be elected to 3 (three) year terms. In each subsequent year, 4 Directors shall be elected. All Directors whose term of office has not expired as of the January 2023 election shall continue to hold office pursuant to Section 5 of the Article.

## Board of Directors Election in January

Five seats on the Board of Directors are up for election at the January membership meeting. The Board is made up of 15 directors who each serve a three-year term with one-third of the Board (five directors) being elected every January.

There is a proposed revision to the by-laws on the number of Directors on the Board and how many would be up for election (see Page 1). The proposed revision will be voted on at the December membership meeting. If approved, it will decrease the number of directors to 12 (from 15) which will affect the number of directors up for election. We will clarify the election with specific details after the December membership meeting.

If you would like to run for election to the Board and have your name placed on the ballot, please contact Scott Karman, Nominating Committee Chairman, at [karmancontracting@yahoo.com](mailto:karmancontracting@yahoo.com). Nominations for the position of Director will also be

## Lottery Calendar Fundraiser

The new Lottery Calendars, which are good from January through April 2023, are ready for members to pick-up and sell. The Board is asking each member to purchase (and/or sell 3 tickets). If all members would do that, this would be the best fundraiser we've ever had. They are packaged in envelopes of 5 or 10 calendars. The cost of each calendar is \$10 and each calendar contains one 3-digit number. The winning number is determined by the 3-digit evening PA Lottery number. They are valid on January 1st and are good through April. The calendars can be picked up at the Club anytime there is an organized shoot or meeting, such as trap shooting on Sundays from 1 pm to 4 pm and on Wednesdays from 6 pm to 9 pm (weather permitting); the Monday Night Recreational Pistol Shoot from 7:30 pm to 9 pm; the Junior Rifle program on Wednesday evenings from 7 pm to 9 pm; the MPRL shoot on Thursday from 6 pm to about 9 pm, and at the membership meetings from 8 pm to 10 pm; or the directors meetings , from 7 pm to 9 pm.

They make great stocking stuffers and are good for those last minute Christmas gifts. All tickets must be turned in at the Club or verification of sale must be made by e-mail by December 31.

The Club sells these Lottery Calendars twice a year. Members are urged to sell as many as they can because this is THE major fundraiser for the Club and has helped keep our dues at minimal levels. These calendar sales help the club keep the yearly dues as low as possible and still manage to finance special projects and general upkeep.

**Again the Board of Directors is asking EVERY Club member to sell/buy at least 3 calendars.**

## USC Rifle Team Using Indoor Range Again

The Upper St. Clair High School (USC) rifle team will once again be using our indoor range for practice and meets. As you may recall they lost the use of their range at USC High School; this is the eighth year we will be hosting them at the Club. Through the last seven shooting seasons, there have been no major complaints from the membership on the team using the range which is closed to the membership while they are here. They will be using the range between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm 3 or 4 days a week this season. Their schedule is presented below and will be posted by the indoor range sign-in book. We ask you to adjust your range usage to the days and times they are not shooting; to those members who have to adjust their shooting schedule we trust you will understand.

As a reminder to new members and those that have forgotten, the Upper St. Clair School District does compensate us for the use of the range. The money that they provide has been used to update and maintain the new .22 indoor range.

### USC Shooting Schedule

**November 2022:** 21, 22, 28, 29, and 30

**December 2022:** 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, and 30

**January 2023:** 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, and 31

**February 2023:** 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18

# 2023 Dues Are Due Now!

At their meeting in September, the Board of Directors voted to raise the Club's dues this year to help with inflationary factors and to get a leg up on a roofing project that will need done this coming year. The new dues are as follows:

**Senior Member (RaangeMaster Class) - \$110.00; Restricted Senior Member - \$82.50 (75% of the senior dues); Associate Member - \$22.00; Junior Member - \$5.00; Retired Seniors\* - \$55.00 (50% of the senior dues). Initiation fees and other fees remain unchanged.**

**Initiation Fee - \$50; Initiation Fee (Jr.) - \$15; Lost Access FOB - \$5.00;  
Damaged or Inoperative FOB - No Charge**

*(\*Retired Seniors are members who are 65 years old, on Social Security, retired, and have been a member of the club for the previous 10 consecutive years.)*

Paying your 2023 dues by Sunday, January 15, 2023 will ensure your continued access to the Club for 2023. Any member not paying his 2023 dues by then will have their club access FOB deactivated. Payment may be made at the membership or Director's meetings or you can mail it directly to:

**Rob Low, 417 Pearce Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15234.**

*If you are sending you dues by mail, do NOT send cash. Make checks payable to Carrick Sportsmens Club. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for return of your 2023 membership card."*

## AED

In our continual efforts to maintain a safe environment at the Club, the Board is acquiring an AED unit for the Clubhouse. It will be one that has instructions for users and once it is installed we will alert all members via the newsletter on its operation. The Club is leasing the unit which will be professionally maintained and inspected regularly to ensure it is in proper working order.

## PSRL

The CSC team for the the Pittsburgh and Suburban Rife League shoots on Sunday evenings on the indoor range starting about 5:00 p.m. They are shooting from now through March 12.

## Hunter Safety Course

After a hiatus of a few years because of COVID and NRA changes, the Club had a successful Hunter Safety Course on Saturday, August 27, 2022. We had a good turn out for the course.

The Club is planning another hunter safety course in March, 2023 This will be scheduled through the PA Game Commission.

## NRA Classes

Classes were postponed starting in 2020 because of the virus lockdowns and changes made by the NRA to their courses. Denny Nill is working on trying to organize the classes and their content and reestablish a group of instructors. As soon as he gets things back in order we will announce it to the membership.

In the past, the Club has typically offered • Basic Pistol Course • Personal Protection IN the Home, and • Personal Protection OUTSIDE the Home. When we schedule them, the classes will be open to members and non-members

## Junior Rifle Program

The Junior Rifle Program for shooters age 12 to 80 (or older) began on Sunday, October 30 with the introductory session. There are two parts to the program - an introductory session and a practice session. The introductory session which met on Sunday, October 30 covered rifle safety and shooting techniques including handling, maintenance, target acquisition, and shooting. The cost of this session is \$30.

The second part of the program is the practice session. After the introductory session, shooters will meet to shoot the rifles and improve their shooting skills under the direction of experienced instructors. These practice sessions are held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm till 9:00 pm., starting on November 2 and continuing through the end of March. Because this is a school night for the juniors, they are encouraged to bring their homework for times when they will be waiting to get into the range.

The cost for the practice session of the program is \$90 per shooter and includes use of the rifle, all ammunition, and the loan of eye and ear protection. This is a total of \$120 for the complete program.

If you are interested in this program, please contact Chris Warden at [warden7@me.com](mailto:warden7@me.com).

## Junior Shotgun Program

The Club's Junior Shotgun program will be offered again next year in June.

## Officers and Directors - 2022

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### Thanks for the Extra Effort

On Thursday, September 1, the Pistol Team once again enthusiastically assembled the calendar ticket packets for the January - April 2023 Lottery Calendar. This is a vital task as this is a major fundraiser for the club. Former Treasurer E.J Revitsky led the charge on planning and organizing the effort to do this and now, in his place, Treasurer Roni Plappert has accepted this responsibility. Roni had the all the materials and game plan in place to get the job done. The following members of the Pistol Team participated in the preparation of the packets, Reno Baum, Steve Boehm, Joe DeFazio, Jim Johnson, Bill Kramer, Denny Nill, Roni Plappert, Tom Plappert, and Ray Schuerger.

**Thanks to all the participants, it is greatly appreciated!**

### Metro Police Revolver League (MPRL)

The MPRL team recently completed their 14-week outdoor season and finished in 4th place out of six teams in .22 caliber and 4th out of four teams in center fire. They are currently practicing for their indoor season on the indoor range on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm. Their indoor season will begin the 2nd or 3rd week of January and shoot for 14 weeks.

The team competes against teams from other clubs in the area, with each team shooting at their home club;

scores are submitted to, and tallied by, the league score-keeper.

The team invites anyone, who is interested, to come out and give it a try. You'll get a feel for the shooting regime and meet the members of the team. You can shoot with the team but your scores will not count until you actually join the team.

They shoot both .22 and center fire pistols. You can shoot either or both courses of fire.

For more information, please contact Denny Nill at 412-531-5890 or via e-mail at [denisrn@verizon.net](mailto:denisrn@verizon.net).



## Scheduled Events

- **Monday Night Recreational Pistol League** - Monday - Indoor Range - 7:00 p.m. **Resumes on September 12**
- **Metropolitan Police Revolver League** - Thursday - Outdoor Range (Weather permitting) and then indoors - at 6:00 p.m.
- **Junior Rifle Program** - Wednesday - Indoor Range 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Resumes November 2
- **Open Trap Shooting** - Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Open to the public
- **PSRL** - Sunday - Indoor Range 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

## Membership

As of October 18, the Club has 338 senior members, 5 junior members, and 25 associate members for a total of 368 members. Membership applications are being currently being accepted; however, new members will have limited access to the club ranges.

## New Members September

Three new members joined the Club in September. They were: • **Cynthia Dietrich** • **John Williams** • **Jeffrey Ellis..**

## October

There were eight new members join the Club in October; they were: • **Blake Allen** • **Gregory Allen** • **Rhonda Allen** • **Matthew Brooks** • **John Diana** • **Jackie Hess** • **Drake Huffman** • **Ryan Stewart.**

## Recreational Pistol League

The Recreational Pistol League has been shooting on Monday evenings since September 12 with approximately 13 shooters. The League is loosely organized into teams which compete against each other over the season for bragging rights. Their season runs from September to late March. Shooting for 20 weeks at 7:30 pm, they take a break for the Christmas - New Year holiday season and enjoy a "banquet" at the end of the season. When their season ends, they switch over to shooting metal silhouettes on the indoor range.

The course of fire includes 5 segments. The first segment is two lines of slow fire (each line is 5 shots in 2

minutes); the second segment is two lines of timed-fire (each line is 5 shots in 20 seconds); the next phase is two lines of rapid fire (each line is 5 shots in 10 seconds). Segment 4 is 5 shots, change magazines, 5 more shots in 45 seconds; and segment 5 is 5 shots, change magazines, 5 more shots - one-handed - in 60 seconds. All shooting is done on the old indoor range.

Because of the time constraints, a semi-automatic pistol is recommended. You will need your favorite firearm, 50 rounds of ammunition (remember on the indoor range ammunition must have a muzzle velocity of under 1200 feet per second), and eye and ear protection. Those with revolvers and speed loaders should have enough time to complete the course of fire. 22 caliber pistols are recommended because of the current cost of ammunition.

The cost for the 20-week season is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. Shooters that can't commit to the entire 20-week season can pay on a per-night basis - at \$3 per night for members and \$4 per night for non-members. If you sign up at the mid-season break, the cost for the second half would be \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

For questions or to sign up for the Monday Night League, please contact Steve Perry - [sdperry48@hotmail.com](mailto:sdperry48@hotmail.com).

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Before December 20!

## Access FOB Trouble?

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FOB, call Rob Low at **412-651-6642**  
or send an e-mail to  
[RMLow@verizon.net](mailto:RMLow@verizon.net)*

**All Ranges Are Open and Operational.**



## Like Us on Facebook

Thanks to the work of Director Jason Perry, the Club has a Facebook page. He posts current information on the page for those of you who like Facebook. The Directors ask everyone who is on Facebook to look up the page and "Like" it. It is at <https://www.facebook.com/carricksportsmensclub/>

## Work Parties

Work Parties are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month to do maintenance and improvements around the Club. These all-volunteer work parties are a critical part of the Club's operation. Without constant maintenance and an effort to improve the Club, members would find it more and more difficult to use the Club's facilities.

The Directors ask everyone who can to donate some time to these work parties. Lunch is provided. You don't have to be here all day, any time you can donate to this effort is greatly appreciated by the Directors and highly valued to the Club. No special skills are required; there is always a lot of maintenance required just on the grounds in the form of trimming, cutting grass, and general clean-up.

### • September Work Party

The September work party was held on September 17. There were seven members who attended the work party. They were: • **Bob Buddick** • **Joe DeBeanski** • **Joe DeFazio** • **Scott Karman** • **Rob Low** • **Jeff Mihoces** • **Ray Schuerger**. They worked on grounds keeping, cleared the fence line, replaced the area lighting on the side of the Clubhouse, and repaired the road and trap parking lot.

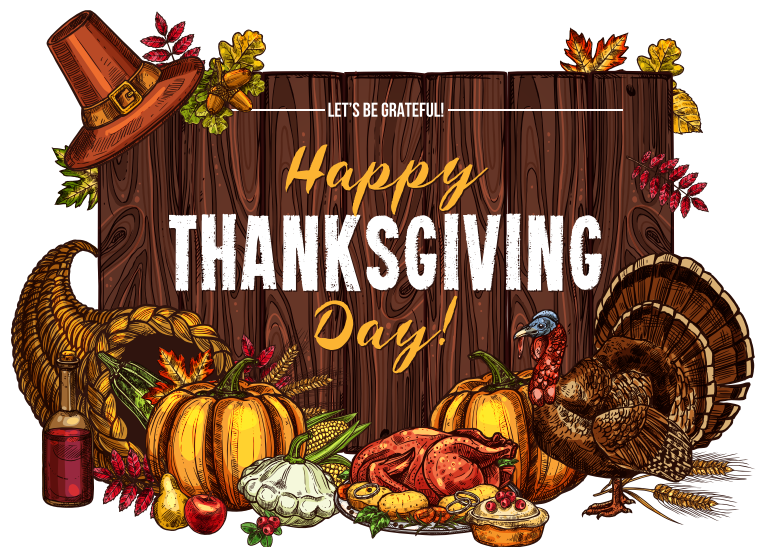
### • October Work Party

The October work party was held on October 15. There were six members who attended the work party. They were: • **Steve Boehm** • **Joe DeBeanski** • **Scott Karman** • **Rob Low** • **Jeff Mihoces** • **Chris O'Kain** • **Larry ?** (Sorry to Larry for not having his last name, but it was not on the board.) They applied lime to the outdoor trap, 50-yard, and 100-yard ranges; installed new emergency exit lighting on the 100-yard range, cleaned up the 100-yard range; patched the celotex on the indoor range, continued clearing the fence line; and prepared snow removal equipment for winter.

## Open Trap Shooting

The Club holds open trap shoots on Wednesdays from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and on Sundays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. These shooting sessions are open to the public. The cost for a 25-bird line of trap is now \$3.00. Shooters can bring their own shotgun shells (shot no larger than 7 1/2) or they can buy shotgun shells at \$8.00 a box at the range. For questions on the Club's open trap shooting, please contact Joe DeFazio at [truck189engine277@gmail.com](mailto:truck189engine277@gmail.com). The number of shooters has been increasing over the past month.

**The Board of Directors  
Wish All Members and  
Their Families a Very  
Happy Holiday Sea-  
son from Thanksgiving  
Through the New Year.**



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